PUBLIC NOTICE



US Army Corps Of Engineers

Omaha District

APPLICANT: BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

APPLICATION NO: 200530070

WATERWAY: GREYS LAKE, MUD LAKE

ISSUE DATE: JUNE 23, 2005 EXPIRATION DATE: JULY 14, 2005

Regulatory Office, 28563 Powerhouse Rd, Room 118, Pierre, SD 57501 https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/html/od-rsd/frame.html

21-DAY NOTICE

JOINT NOTICE OF PERMIT PENDING

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The application of US Bureau of Indian Affairs, GPRO, 115th 4th Ave. SE, Aberdeen, SD 57401, for approval of plans and issuance of a permit under authority of the Secretary of the Army is being considered by the District Engineer, US Army Engineer District, Omaha, Nebraska.

The applicant requests authorization to perform construction activities to upgrade BIA Route 15 and Marshall County Route 10. The project is located in multiple sections, Townships 125 through 127 North, Range 53 West, Marshall County, South Dakota.

The proposed project will include grading, widening and paving a total of 6.8 miles of BIA Route 15 and Marshall County Route 10 and updating and replacing existing drainage culverts. The anticipated roadway section will consist of two 16-foot wide traffic lanes with 5-foot wide roadway shoulders and a roadside ditch. Approximately one and seventy five hundredths (1.75) wetland acres, which have been determined to be jurisdictional under the Clean Water Act, will be adversely impacted in/adjacent to the two lakes as well as wetlands along the proposed route. The applicant has proposed compensatory mitigation for the unavoidable wetland impacts by replacing the impacted wetland acreage and is in the process of preparing a wetland mitigation plan. An Environmental Assessment has been prepared by Terracon, the applicant's consultant, for this project.

The purpose of the project is to flatten and widen steep grades and tight horizontal curves to improve traffic safety and improve access for emergency service vehicles and equipment and better facilitate the public utilization of Sica Hollow State Park.

The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Services, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota, 57501-3181, will review the proposed project for state certification in accordance with the provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The certification, if issued, will express the State's opinion that the operations undertaken by the applicant will not result in a violation of applicable water quality standards. The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources hereby incorporates this public notice as its own public notice and procedures by reference (ARSD 74:51:01).

Omaha District will comply with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. Terracon reviewed the Properties Listed on the National Register in 2000 for Marshall County and the South Dakota State Historical Society web page. No listings were found on either register for the project location. Terracon also contacted the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office, (SHPO) located in Pierre, SD regarding known historical, and cultural and archeological resources at the project location. A response letter from the SHPO dated April 28, 2003 indicated that an architecture record research was conducted and that it did not locate any known buildings in the project area, however, the area might contain archaeology sites. An archeological survey, BIA Case No. AAO-1035/SS/03, was conducted by Archeological Laboratory, Augustana College in June 2003. The results of the survey recommended a no effect determination. However, we will evaluate any additional input by the SHPO and the public in response to this public notice.

In compliance with the Endangered Species Act, a preliminary determination has been made that the described work will not affect species designated as threatened or endangered or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation of this activity, comments are solicited from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposals, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the activity will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production, and, in general the needs and welfare of the people. In addition, the evaluation of the impacts of the project on public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230).

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental

Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

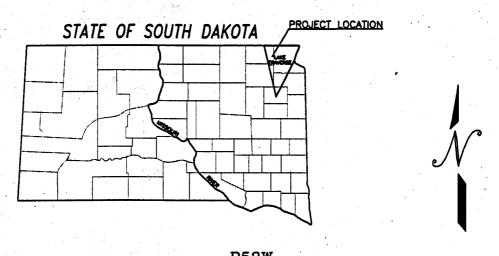
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reason for holding a public hearing. The request must be submitted to the US Army Corps of Engineers, South Dakota Regulatory Office, 28563 Powerhouse Road, Room 118, Pierre, South Dakota 57501.

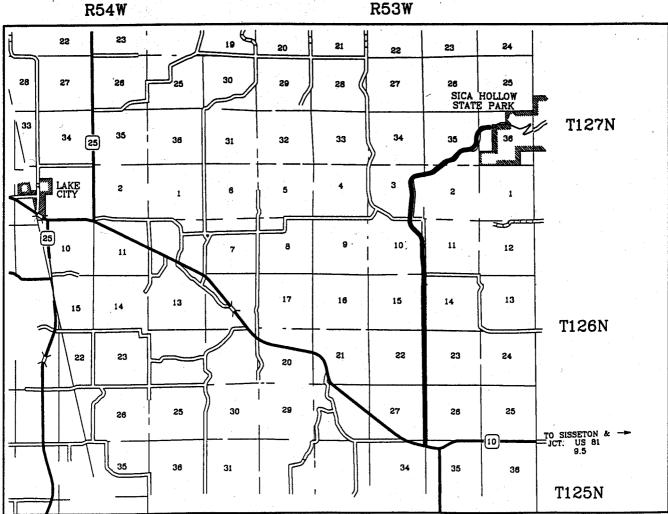
Any interested party (particularly officials of any town, city, county, state, Federal agency, Indian Tribe, or local association whose interests may be affected by the proposed work) is invited to submit to this office, written facts, arguments, or objections on or before July 14, 2005. Any agency or individual having an objection to the proposed work should specifically identify it as an objection with clear and specific reasons. Comments, both favorable and unfavorable, will be accepted, made a part of the record and will receive full consideration in subsequent actions on this permit application. All replies to the public notice should be addressed to the address listed in the previous paragraph. Carolyn Kutz, telephone number (605) 224-8531, may be contacted for additional information.

Comments received after the close of the business day on the expiration date of this public notice will not be considered.

This project, if authorized, will be under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Drawings showing the location and extent of the work are attached to this notice.

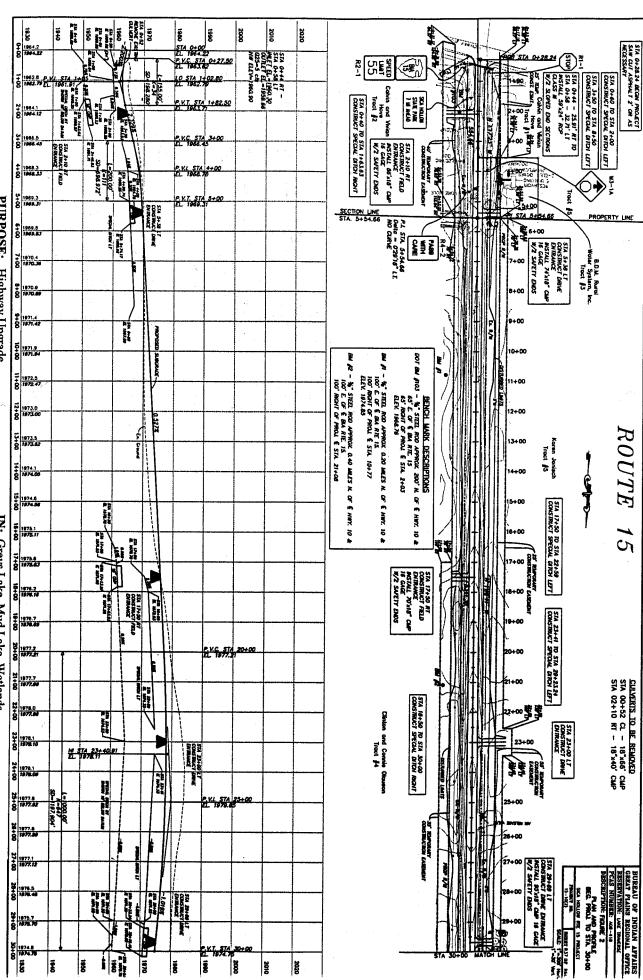




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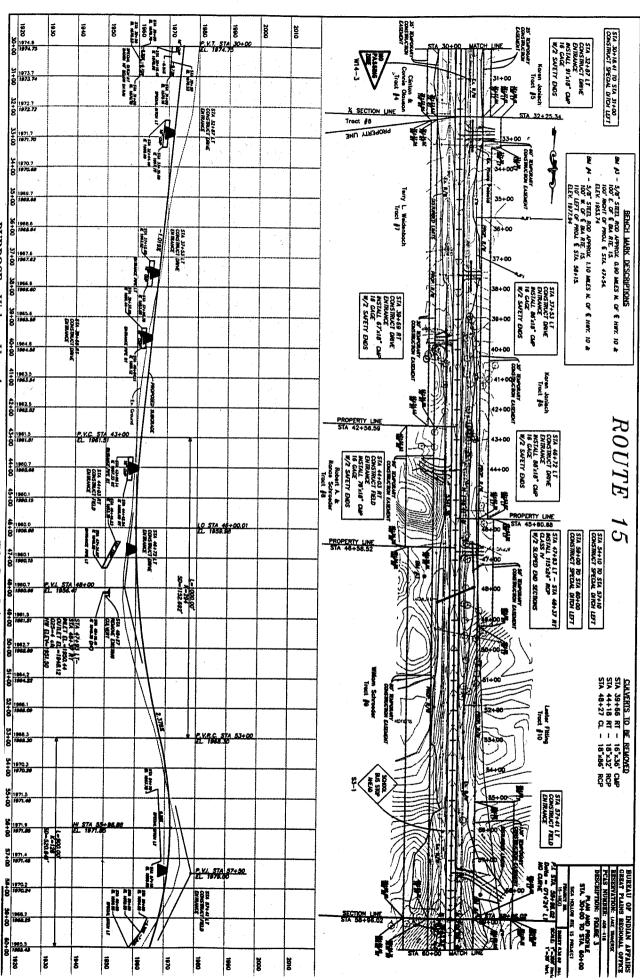




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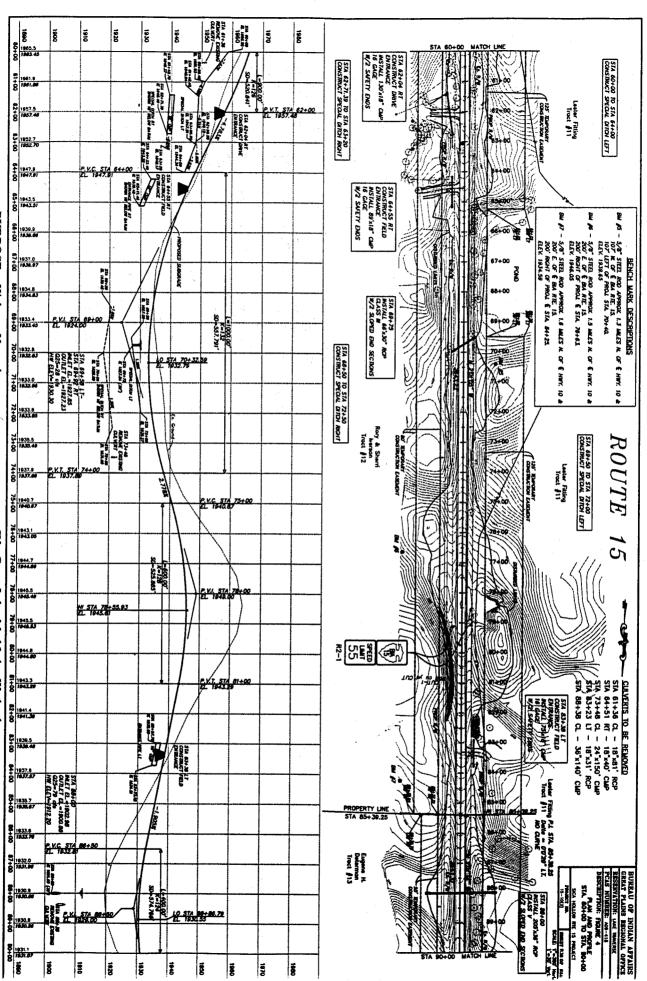
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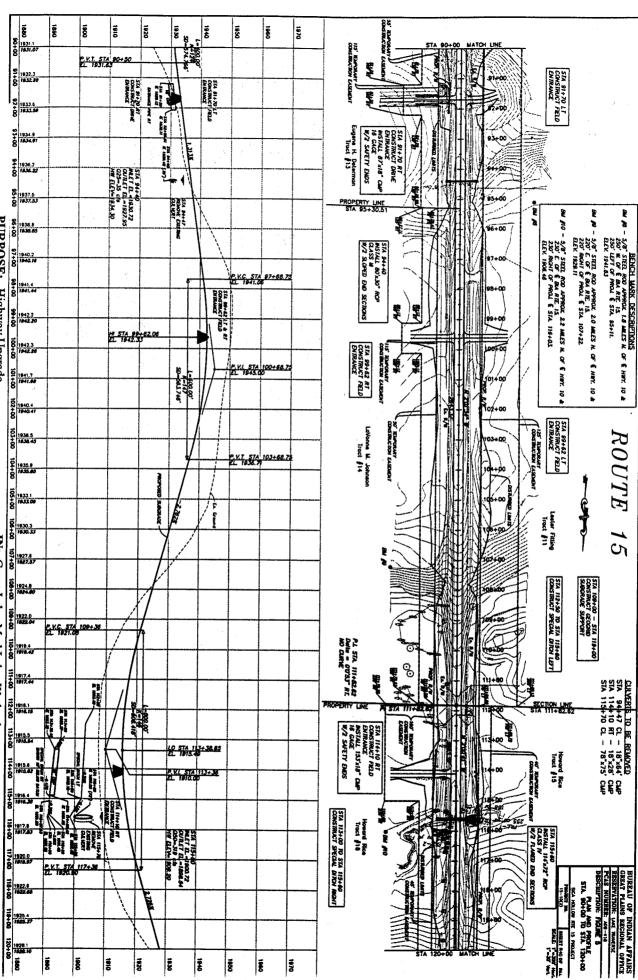
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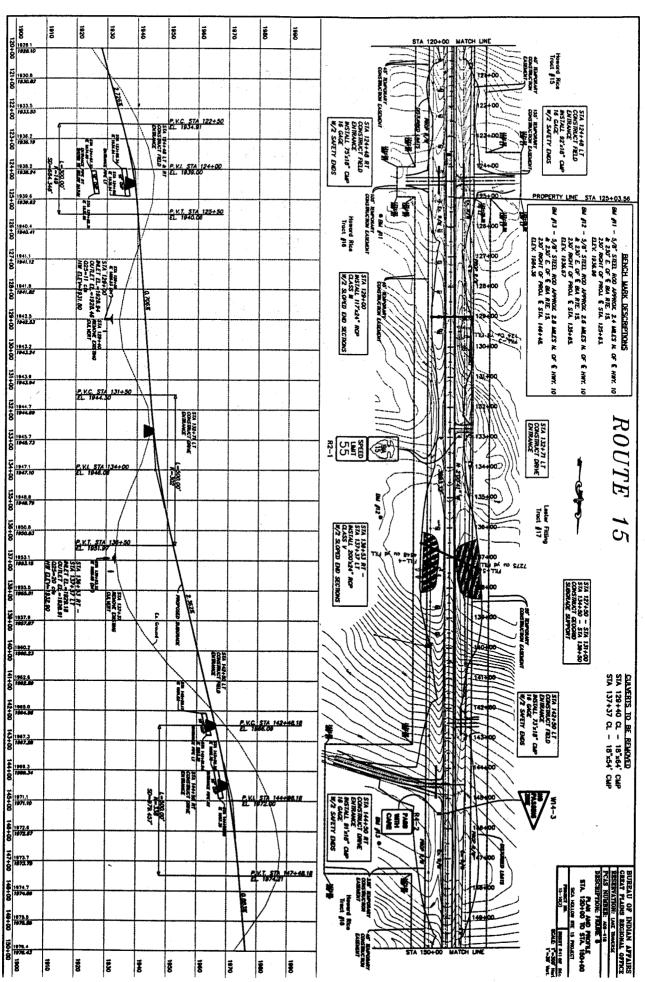


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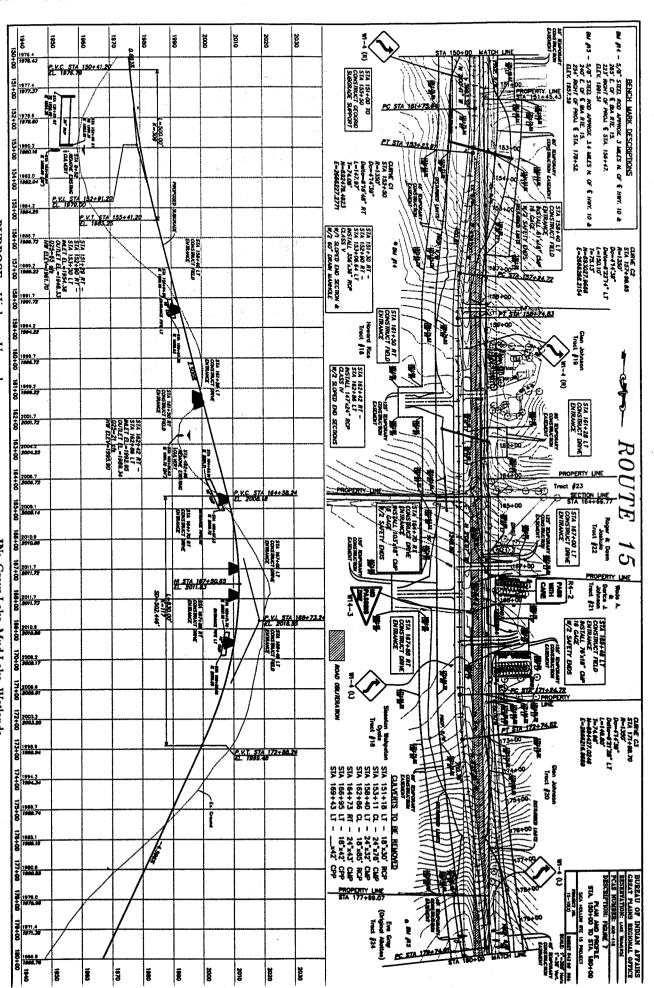
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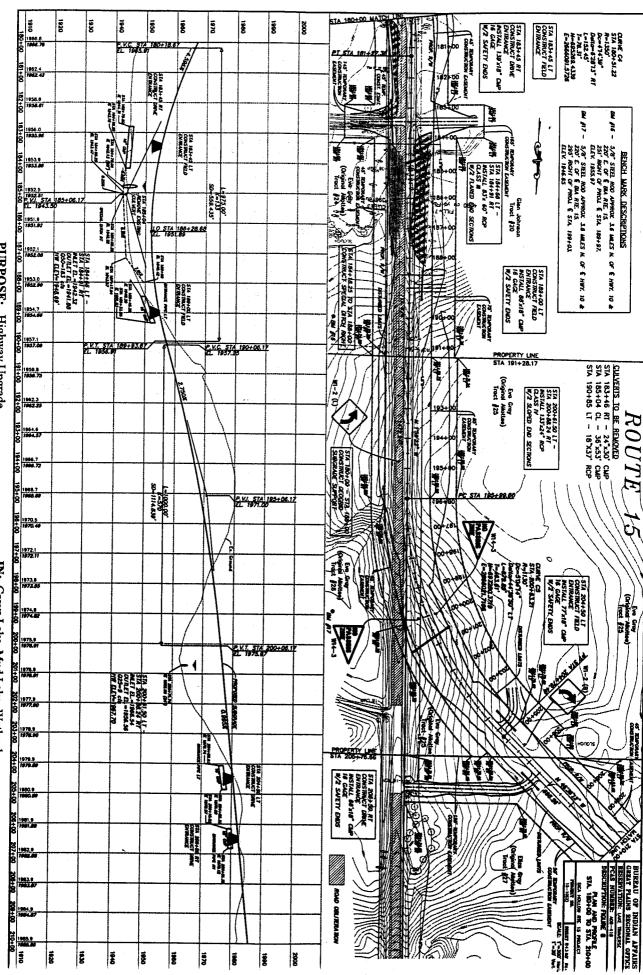
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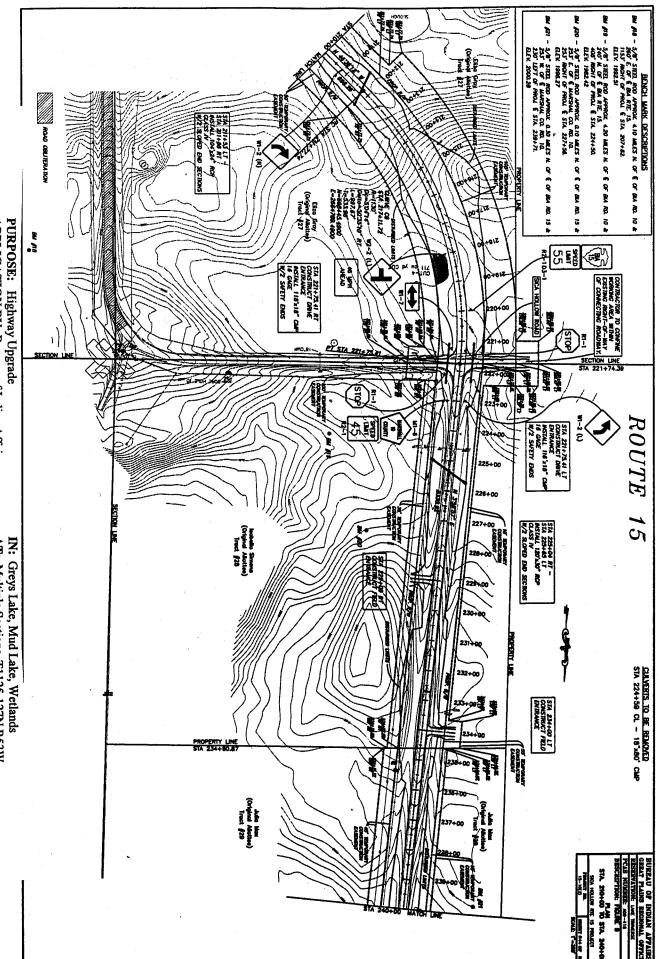
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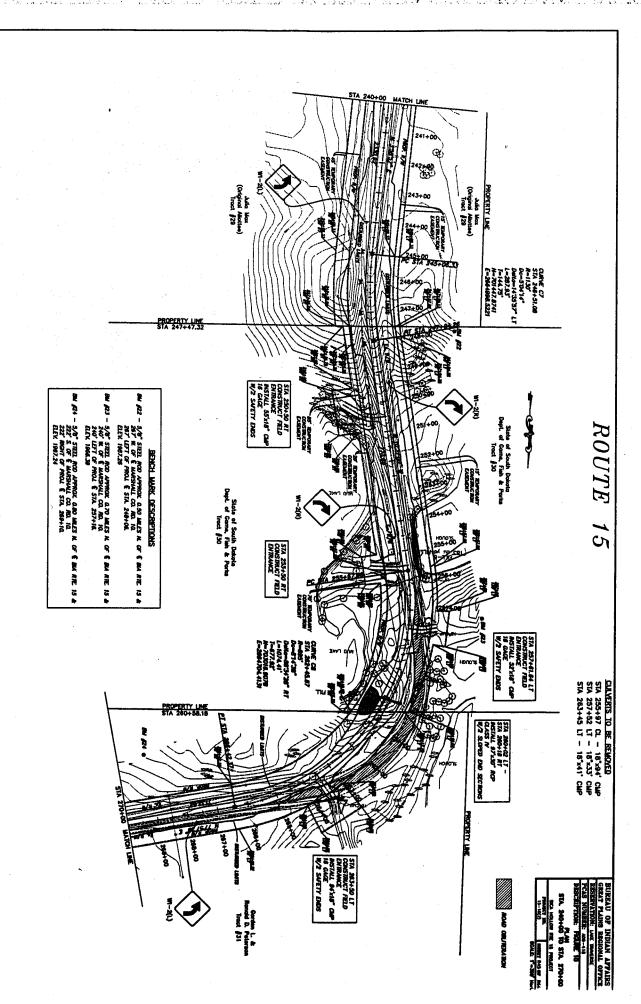
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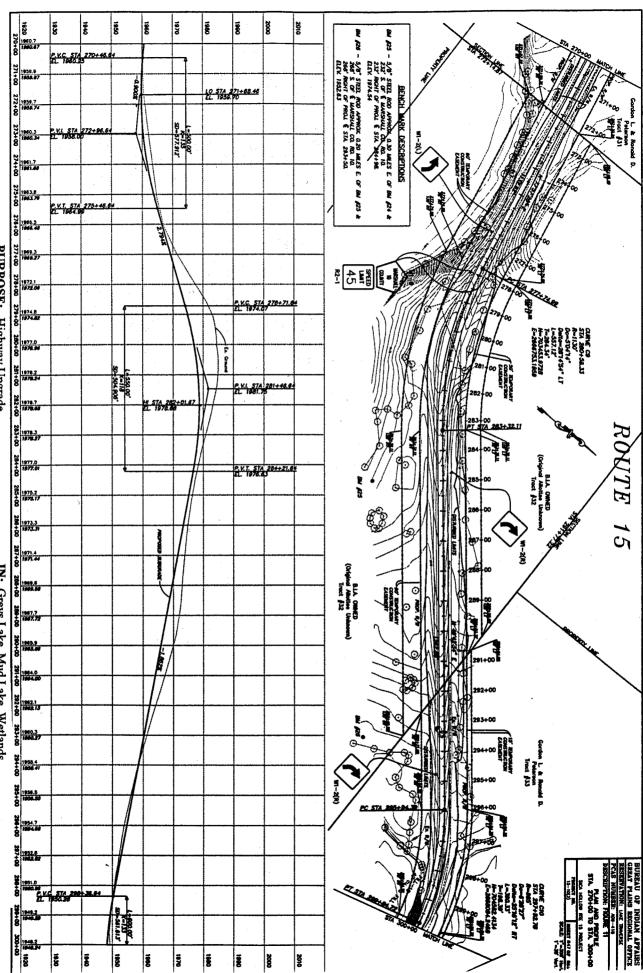
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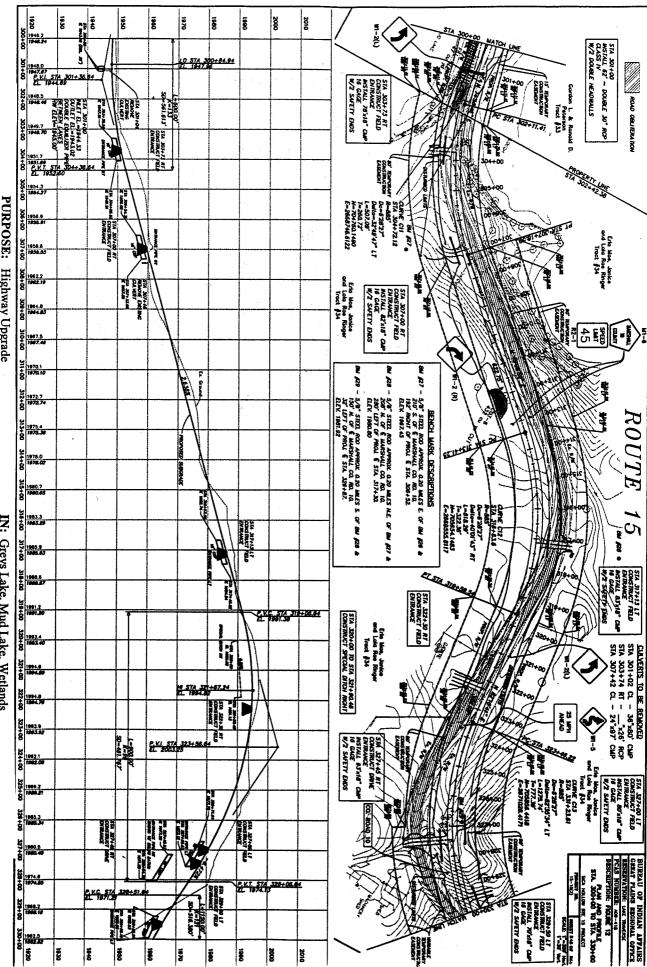
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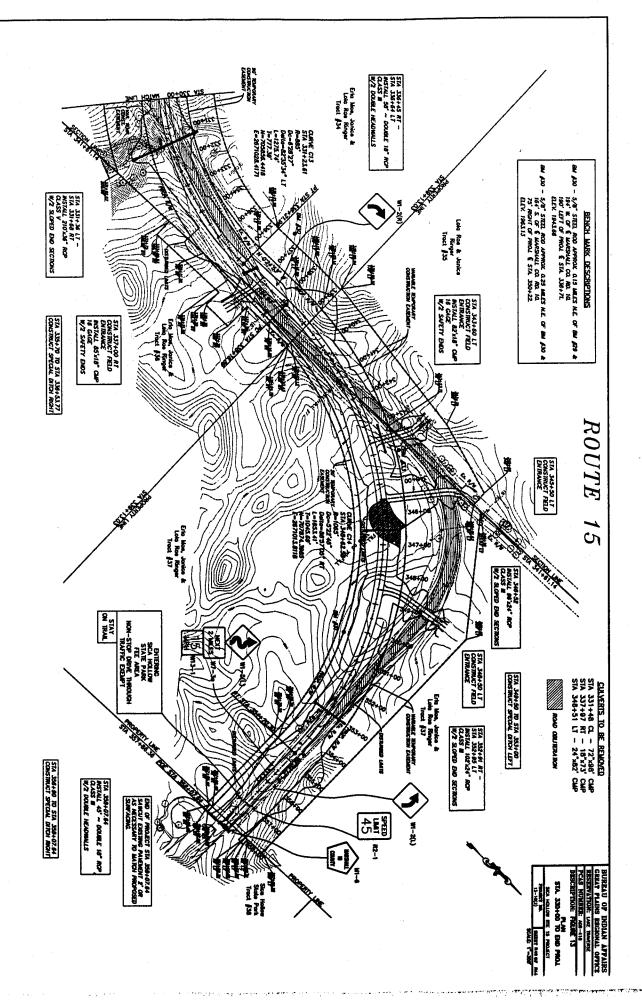
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